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**HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT**

**Prospective Yields & Production**

**Louisiana Prospective Yields & Productions**

Louisiana's 2011 sugarcane and hay crop yields are expected to be up slightly from 2010, while other field crop yields are expected to be lower than last year. Although dry conditions prevailed early in the growing season, rainfall has been a little more plentiful across the state recently, improving crop conditions. Higher yields may occur where rainfall was sufficient, but overall, Louisiana probably won't be breaking any yield records this year.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 11.8 million net tons, up one percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 420,000 acres, unchanged from 2010. Yield is forecast at 28 net tons per acre, up .2 ton from last year.

Louisiana's production of **all hay** is estimated at 1.2 million tons, down five percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 400,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from 2010. Yield, at 3.0 tons per acre, is up .2 ton from last year.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 71.5 million bushels, up two percent from a year ago. An estimated 550,000 acres will be harvested for grain, up 50,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 130 bushels, is down 10 bushels from the previous year.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 450,000 bales, up three percent from last year's crop. An estimated 270,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 21,000 acres from last year. At 800 pounds, the yield per acre forecast is down 42 pounds from 2010.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 25.7 million cwt, down 21 percent from 2010. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 415,000 acres, down 120,000 acres from the 2010 crop. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,200 pounds, up 100 pounds from last year.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 12.4 million bushels in the state, up 67 percent from 2010. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 155,000 acres, up 77,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, down 15 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 35.0 million bushels in Louisiana, down 16 percent from 2010. An estimated 1.0 million acres will be harvested, down 20,000 acres from 2010. Yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down six bushels from last year's yield.

**United States Prospective Yields & Productions**

**Sugarcane** production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 28.7 million net tons, up five percent from last year. Production increases are expected in all estimating states. Producers intend to harvest 889,000 acres for sugar and seed in the 2011 crop year, up 11,500 acres from the previous year. Expected yield is forecast at 32.3 net tons per acre, up 1.1 net tons from 2010.

**All Hay** production is forecast at 132 million tons, down nine percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.3 tons per acre, down .1 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 57.6 million acres, down four percent from last year.

**Corn** production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up four percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from 2010, and the fourth highest yield on record.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, down nine percent from last year's 18 million bales. Yield is expected to average 822 pounds per harvested acre, up ten pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 15.8 million 480-pound bales, down ten percent from 2010. **American Pima** production is forecast at 737,200 bales, up 46 percent from last year.

**Rice** production is forecast at 188 million cwt, down 23 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 2.6 million acres, down slightly from the June *Acreage* report and 27 percent lower than 2010. The average United States yield is forecast at 7,114 pounds per acre, up 389 pounds from last year. Harvest was underway by the end of July in Louisiana and Texas. While Louisiana growers welcomed the rain at the end of the month, it delayed harvest in some areas.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 241 million bushels, down 30 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the smallest production since 1956. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 54.8 bushels per acre, down 17 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 3.1 billion bushels, down eight percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, down less than one percent from June and down four percent from 2010. Planted area for the Nation is estimated at 75.0 million acres, down fractionally from June.

## CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA

August 1, 2011

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
Corn for grain	500	<b>550</b>	140	<b>130</b>	bushels	70,000	<b>71,500</b>
Upland cotton	249	<b>270</b>	842	<b>800</b>	lbs: bales	437	<b>450</b>
Rice, all	535	<b>415</b>	6,100	<b>6,200</b>	lbs: cwt	32,625	<b>25,730</b>
Sorghum for grain	78	<b>155</b>	95	<b>80</b>	bushels	7,410	<b>12,400</b>
Soybeans	1,020	<b>1,000</b>	41	<b>35</b>	bushels	41,820	<b>35,000</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	420	<b>420</b>	27.8	<b>28.0</b>	net tons	11,676	<b>11,760</b>
Hay, all	450	<b>400</b>	2.8	<b>3.0</b>	tons	1,260	<b>1,200</b>

## CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES

August 1, 2011

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
Corn for grain	81,446	<b>84,388</b>	152.8	<b>153.0</b>	bushels	12,446,865	<b>12,914,085</b>
Cotton, all	10,699	<b>9,666</b>	812	<b>822</b>	lbs: bales	18,104	<b>16,554</b>
Rice, all	3,615	<b>2,644</b>	6,725	<b>7,114</b>	lbs: cwt	243,104	<b>188,088</b>
Sorghum for grain	4,808	<b>4,388</b>	71.8	<b>54.8</b>	bushels	345,395	<b>240,638</b>
Soybeans	76,616	<b>73,823</b>	43.5	<b>41.4</b>	bushels	3,329,341	<b>3,055,882</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	877.5	<b>889.0</b>	31.2	<b>32.3</b>	net tons	27,360	<b>28,689</b>
Hay, all	59,862	<b>57,605</b>	2.43	<b>2.29</b>	tons	145,556	<b>131,998</b>

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